

Lieutenant Colonel Eric P. Shwedo was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1992. His initial assignment was with 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne), in Ocala, Florida. While serving there for five years, Lt. Col. Shwedo graduated from multiple schools and deployed to Ecuador. He was then assigned to 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, where he was a Senior Tactical Officer at the Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia. He was then assigned to U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as a Plans Officer in the G3 Operations section.

Following his time at USASFC(A), he served with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as a Detachment Commander, and then deployed to Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Upon redeployment from Iraq, he transferred to U.S. Special Operations Command-Central (Airborne), MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, where he served as the Plans/Unconventional Warfare Chief in J-3 Special Actions. While there, he worked throughout the Central Command area of operations and deployed to Qatar twice and to the Kingdom of Jordan.

Lt. Col. Shwedo then attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following his graduation from CGSC, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), as a Company Commander and a Battalion Executive Officer. While there, he deployed to Afghanistan and Pakistan.

His next assignment was with 1st Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group, where he served as Commander of Robin Sage (the final phase of the Special Forces Qualification Course). His most recent assignment was at U.S. Special Operations Command (Airborne), where he served as a Lead Planner for the Afghanistan Operational Planning Team and as the Concepts Chief in J-7/9. During this time, he deployed to Afghanistan.

Lt. Col. Shwedo is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; the Special Forces Qualification Course; Infantry Basic and Advanced courses; the Special Operations Language Course; the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) Course; Jumpmaster Course; and Ranger School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management at the University of Central Florida.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Joint Commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Army Commendation Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, and the NATO Medal.

Lt. Col. Shwedo also earned the Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Senior Parachutist Badge.